

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

The Office Action rejects the pending claims under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting based upon U.S. Patent No. 6,654,224. The Applicants believe that the correct patent number is 6,652,224. The present application is a continuation of prior application number 10/117,872, which issued as United States Patent No. 6,652,224. The response in the present application will be based upon the 6,652,224 patent.

The undersigned is an Attorney of record and includes herewith an executed Terminal Disclaimer to overcome the non-statutory obvious-type double patenting rejection based upon United States Patent No. 6,652,224. A credit card payment form is included to cover the fee under 37 CFR § 1.20(d). Withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1 and 3 – 12 is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is cordially invited to contact the undersigned by telephone to discuss any unresolved matters.

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